

November 6, 2017

The Honorable Rick Snyder Governor of Michigan Post Office Box 30013 Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Snyder:

I am writing to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that air quality in part of Michigan meets the 2015 ground-level ozone standards, consistent with your recommendations for those areas. As such, we are designating these areas "attainment/unclassifiable." The enclosed table lists the portions of Michigan the agency is designating at this time. For the rest of Michigan, the EPA is not extending the time provided under section 107 of the Clean Air Act but is not yet prepared to issue designations. The agency intends to address these areas in a separate future action.

Improved air quality is a shared goal and together, we have made considerable progress to reduce ozone levels throughout the country. As a testament to cooperative federalism, monitored levels of ozone have dropped 22 percent since 1990. Increasingly important is the recognition of and improved understanding regarding external elements that can impact a state's ability to achieve compliance, including background ozone, international transport and exceptional events. The agency intends to give appropriate consideration to these and many other factors during our continued conversation and work with you and your state staff on the 2015 ozone standards. I appreciate the information already provided and look forward to continued engagement on this important issue.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at lyons.troy@epa.gov or at (202) 564-5200.

Respectfully yours.

Enclosure

Enclosure: Designated Areas for the 2015 Ozone Standards

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Area	Designation	
Marquette County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Mason County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Menominee County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Midland County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Missaukee County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Montmorency County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Ogemaw County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Ontonagon County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Osceola County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Oscoda County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Otsego County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Presque Isle County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Roscommon County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Saginaw County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
St. Joseph County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Schoolcraft County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Shiawassee County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Tuscola County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	
Wexford County	Attainment/Unclassifiable	